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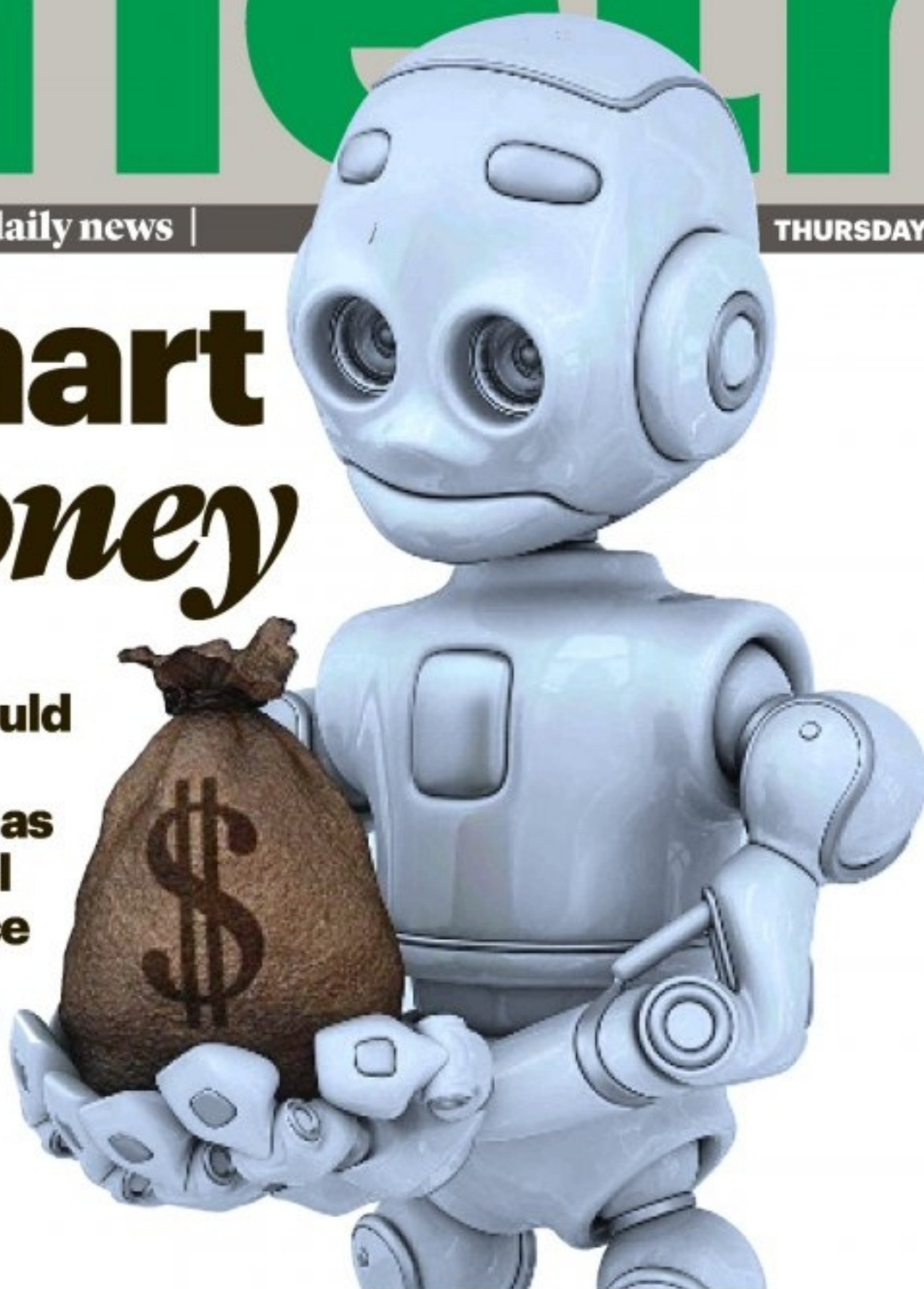
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Gay-straight alliance debate causing 'anxiety'

EDUCATION

Right-wing divide leaves LGBTQ students in middle



**Kevin
Maimann**
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta Opposition Wildrose leader Brian Jean took to Facebook Wednesday to insist he still believes parents should not be notified if their kid joins a gay-straight alliance.

Jean faced criticism after a Calgary Sun column published online Tuesday night said he had reversed his position.

Jean said a communications mix-up is to blame, and he still believes that students — and not school officials — should get the final say on when and if parents are told about the child joining a gay-straight alliance.

"I haven't changed my mind. Nothing has changed," said Jean. "Under no circumstance should a child be compelled to discuss sexual identity with

anyone before they are ready."

Last week, newly elected Progressive Conservative Leader Jason Kenney said he believes that parents should be told if their child, gay or straight, joins a GSA unless the school believed doing so would cause harm to the child.

Jean said Monday that he disagreed with Kenney.

Ric McIver, the leader of the PCs in the house, refused repeatedly to say Monday whether he believes parents should be told. The debate is causing anxiety in some people who actually belong to GSAs, according to an Edmonton high school student who spoke with Metro Wednesday.

"All of this is just unfortunate, because this information does make its way to LGBTQ students," said Dylan Chevalier, the 18-year-old president of Ross Sheppard's GSA.

"A lot of them are too busy worrying about their own lives to really pay attention to the media, so they get these snippets, and it does cause anxiety and fear and it can make a place such as a GSA feel unsafe for them."

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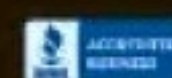
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URBAN PLANNING

Residents raise issues with controversial traffic plans



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

City traffic engineers are playing "whack-a-mole" when it comes to developing traffic-calming measures for Edmonton streets, according to frustrated Sherbrooke resident Patty Coates.

A prime example is the residential neighbourhood of Prince Charles, she said, where the city recently introduced road barriers and curb extensions to prevent cars from zooming through.

But one neighborhood's gain is another's loss, Coates said, with impatient drivers cutting through nearby Sherbrooke instead.

"It's created animosity between the Prince Charles and Sherbrooke communities," Coates said.

"It doesn't have to be an either-or scenario, but a comprehensive one so we can find a way for the city to work with all communities."

Edmonton planners pledged Wednesday to essentially get a grip on their patchwork approach, as councilors passed a new traffic calming policy at an urban planning committee meeting.

The policy, which has yet to



Mila Boychuk, a Prince Charles resident, says measures to reduce speed and shortcutting have benefited the neighborhood.

KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



The goal of this process is to be more responsive.

Daniel Vriend

outline details and will affect all of Edmonton, will rely on communities to outline issues like shortcutting and speed limits.

The policy will then determine which communities get attention first, underscore what needs should be ad-

ressed city-wide, and develop guidelines that communities can use.

"The goal of this process is to be more responsive," according to Daniel Vriend, a director in city planning, who presented to councilors Wednesday.

Mila Boychuk, a Prince Charles Community League board member and resident, said the city could go further by reducing posted speed limits.

"Often our roadways get clogged with parked vehicles while drivers are still going quite fast, which can be concerning for residents and ped-

estrians," she said.

"It would be worth our while to lower speed limits in residential areas."

Supported by councilors, the calming measures in Prince Charles are set to become permanent additions, assuming they get council approval next week.

The measures — which reduced speeds to 51 km/h from 65 km/h, according to staff — include permanently closing 123 Ave at 124 Street, keep some curb extensions while removing others, and add a traffic light at 122 Street and

118 Avenue.

But when it comes to addressing Edmonton as a whole, resident Sona Sobon — who's been pushing the city to do better for years — wants traffic calming measures to be implemented during neighbourhood renewal consultations, and to have engineers trained in engaging with the public so they're actually listening.

"This has been a good step forward," she said. "We feel respected."

The city will report back early next year on details within the policy.

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School food program to expand

Alberta is expanding its school food program.

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School boards must demonstrate how their program adheres to the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth and are required to include a nutrition education component as part of the program.

The Alberta government introduced the program in the fall of 2016 in 14 school boards at a total cost of \$3.5 million.

The province says right now 5,000 students in 33 Alberta schools are receiving a meal or snack each day.

Premier Rachel Notley says it's well-known that students can't focus in class if they have an empty stomach.

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Cough up \$13M for street: Developers

URBAN PLANNING

Strathearn Heights leads ask city to cover infrastructure



Jeremy Simes
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The developers behind the proposed redevelopment of Strathearn Heights — to make it more transit-oriented — now want the city to pay for a main street for pedestrians first, to the tune of \$13 million.

City officials have previously said that the \$800-\$900 million reshaping of the southeast neighbourhood is essential for Edmonton to realize its LRT plans for the area, as the plan would put many residents steps away from the future Valley Line Strathearn stop just southeast of downtown.

However, the project has been delayed several times.

The project was first approved through rezoning in 2008, but companies Rockwell Group and Nearctic Property Group say it can't be done with-



A rendering of the redevelopment project. The company behind it wants money from the city. CONTRIBUTED / NEARCTIC PROPERTY GROUP

out the city's help.

"The public infrastructure that's required to support this makes it difficult for us to finance this overall," said Patrick Adams, chief operating officer with Nearctic, referring to the

street, new water pipes, sewer equipment and power lines required for the project.

Councillors at an urban planning committee approved talks with the developer Wednesday. Any potential deal would

come back to council for approval. It could include paying for the street using increased property taxes that Strathearn would generate, similar to how the city deals with contaminated land and how tax revenue

from Rogers Place funds downtown upgrades

"That's a model administration has to explore," said Erik Backstrom, a city planner.

"Seeing transit-oriented development happen along the



The money we would put forward has to be an investment.

Erik Backstrom

line is a priority for the city, but there are some financial obstacles to overcome. We intend to work with them to see how that can work."

But Backstrom said the city has to be responsible with tax dollars.

"The money we would put forward has to be an investment," he said.

"That's the kind of thing we want to see — not a giveaway to developers."

The main street would feature trees in a centre median, wide sidewalks and bike lanes — and include a corridor to funnel residents to the LRT stop. It would have 1,900 residential units on 9.7 hectares of land, with a mix of retail and residential development beside the station, replacing the 500 units of walk-up apartments there currently.

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Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

The University of Alberta is an unlikely international hub for artificial intelligence (AI) research, but some of its brightest minds are going south of the border.

The U of A's science faculty dean Jonathan Schaeffer hopes new funding from the federal government will help change that.

Last month, government announced \$125 million for a pan-Canadian AI strategy, split between post-secondary institutions in Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal, to enhance research and recruit talent.

"With all this activity in artificial intelligence, it's exciting, but the side effect is



Artificial intelligence researcher Jonathan Schaeffer, dean of the University of Alberta's faculty of science. CONTRIBUTED

these people are in high demand and the U.S. has been grabbing as many of them as they possibly can," Schaeffer said.

"Google, Amazon, Facebook, IBM, these are all companies that have a huge thirst

for artificial intelligence-related research, and many of our students have been siphoned south of the border to work for these American companies."

Schaeffer and his team have their hands in a staggering

range of AI projects, including developing self-driving cars that can navigate winter roads, image processing to better pinpoint the location of brain tumours, and using Netflix data to better predict what movies someone will

want to watch in the future.

He said the number of companies knocking on the U of A's door is "huge."

"The point about artificial intelligence is it's here, it's used — you probably used it several times today and didn't even know it — but it can be used to improve many applications today," he said.

"But the real magic of artificial intelligence is the new things that it's going to enable, like a self-driving car, like personalized medicine. Those things are going to have a transformative effect on today's society."

Schaeffer, who joined the U of A as an AI researcher in 1984, said Edmonton has been recruiting since the 1970s and first gained prominence as an AI leader in developing computer programs that can play checkers, chess and poker.

Edmonton consistently ranks second in the world in AI and machine learning on CSRankings.org, only behind Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. Schaeffer said students and researchers often choose the U of A over schools like Harvard, Stanford and MIT.

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Jonathan Schaeffer

"It's absolutely amazing that we've been able to build such an incredible group, and retain this incredible group, for such a long period of time, given the obvious disadvantages of where we are compared to our major competitors," he said.

Schaeffer said the federal grant will not only help the U of A attract and retain more students and professors, but also build its capacity to work with industry and generate economic return for numerous industries.

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DEVELOPMENT

City to boost infill project inspections

Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

A boost in Edmonton infill inspections isn't exactly going to solve headaches for long-time residents, according to frustrated groups.

The city announced plans Wednesday to check up on developments more often,

as community members continue to grumble about the "wild goose chases" that often happen when citizens call inspectors to check infill developments — those sites that usually see two skinny homes replace a bungalow.

"Citizens shouldn't have to navigate the city bureaucracy to get this solved," said Bev Zubot, with the Edmon-

ton Federation of Community Leagues, noting inspectors could be more proactive.

"If a citizen calls 311, they should have direct access to (the inspection team)."

Edmonton is looking to increase the number of 'proactive' inspections — which means they go out on their own to ensure developers are complying — to 504 in 2017, a 122 per cent jump from the



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Bev Zubot

227 proactive inspections conducted last year.

To do that, planners want to hire a clerk to do paperwork, and up the inspection team's hours. Such measures

will require administration to develop a budget package for funding later this year.

"The goal is to see construction practices improve," said Livia Balone, city's director of development and zoning, when presenting to councillors.

Balone noted the 'gold package' would be to hire one clerk, one development officer and two community standards peace officers at a cost of \$500,000 annually. It would allow them to inspect 100 per cent of developments.

But Coun. Michael Walters said the gold package could be a 'waste of resources,' suggesting hiring at least an administrative clerk for \$40,000 annually could suffice — it would ensure 60 per cent of all developments are checked.

"I think it's a great idea to get any extra help where possible," Zubot said.

As a result, councillors moved to let planners go ahead with only hiring the clerk — and Edmonton will have to report on progress next year.



Bev Zubot with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues says residents are still concerned with what they say is a lack of inspections on infill development in mature areas. KEVIN TUONG / FOR METRO

CRIME

Fight leaves an adult, three youths injured

Five youths and one adult are facing charges after a fight in southeast Edmonton left three youths injured with slashing wounds.

Police responded to a weapons complaint in a field near 57 Street and 19A Avenue at approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Edmonton police say the two rival groups met up in the field and it's believed edged weapons were used in the fight.

A 14-year-old found two of the injured youths bleeding on

the field on his way home. The teen said one of the youths had a deep cut in his leg, and the other had a cut to his neck.

EMS brought the two youths to the University of Alberta Hospital, and a short time later, another youth turned up at a different hospital.

"They were saying, 'Please don't let me die, I don't want to see God today'," Adam Schneider said.

Police aren't releasing any more information.

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Brayden Kozak, right, the head chef with Shaun Hicks, the general manager of the new restaurant Wishbone. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Chefs work to keep Jasper Ave attractive

EATING OUT

Downtown still destination for people, says one top chef

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

With new hubs for foodies opening around the city, entrepreneurs are doing their part to keep the momentum going on Jasper Avenue, too.

Developments like Ritchie Market, home to Transcend Coffee and Acme Meats, or Holland Plaza, with Duchess Provisions and Café Linnea, are making destinations out of unexpected parts of the city.

But as he gets set to open his latest venture on the 105 block, Chef Brayden Kozak counters that there's still lots of opportunity on Jasper.

Not that there isn't a healthy buzz for the downtown dining

scene already: Corso 32, Bar Bricco and Uccellino have a mid-avenue foothold, and the area is teeming with expectation thanks to the new arena, ice district and new condo and office developments.

But Kozak, of Three Boars fame, said that streetscaping, including enhanced pedestrian lighting and crosswalks promise to stretch foot traffic even further west.

He's getting set to open his newest venture, called Wishbone, above Red Star.

It's his attempt to grab some of the urban, young professional market that he sees moving more often into the downtown core.

"There's plenty of opportunity in the Edmonton food market. I've been looking for a downtown space for three years, and then this fantastic spot opened up.

We want to create places that we'd like to go to ourselves," Kozak said of the seafood-focused, "refined surf and turf" spot set to open next

month. "I'm inspired by vegetarian cooks too, so I don't want to be pigeon-holed, or held by any boundaries. There's small local distributors bringing exciting new seafood to the city—Ocean Odyssey, Effen Seafood—so I want to play with that product too."

Kozak's 50-seat space will focus on seasonal seafood and local vegetables, and feature banquette and bar seating plus an open kitchen.

But downtown dining is its own animal, according to according to Chef Ben Staley, whose Alta Restaurant (and soon-to-open Alder Room) offer diners different vibes in side-by-side quarters.

Business is energized and busy when there's a show or event on at the arena or theatres, he said, but quiet other-

wise.

Now open for a month, Alta is a casual, cocktail-focused 'come after work' space, while the Alder Room will offer a sophisticated, pay-in-advance tasting menu experience.

"There's great public response for Alta, and anticipation for Alder Room, but

opening a restaurant is a risky business. Downtown is still a destination for people—not as accessible and with the foot traffic of Whyte Ave.," Staley said.

"But with the success of Corso, and more unique spots like this opening downtown, it gives me confidence that if you do something interesting and execute it well, people respond. Diners want to see that change."



There's plenty of opportunity in the Edmonton food market. I've been looking for a downtown space for three years.

Brayden Kozak

Police turn to spy tech

PRIVACY

Mounties admit they use devices to collect cellular details

The RCMP used controversial spy technology to track cell phone data in 19 criminal investigations last year — the first official public acknowledgement that the force uses surreptitious devices to collect Canadians' cellular details.

In a rare briefing with reporters from the Toronto Star, CBC and the Globe and Mail Wednesday morning, RCMP Chief Superintendent Jeff Adam said his force owns 10 so-called "mobile device identifier" (MDI) devices with the ability to gather high-level data about the phone's location — but not private communications.

"We will confirm officially that the RCMP possesses and uses mobile identifier technology in order to identify and locate a suspect in a criminal investiga-

tion," he said.

Adam said the devices identify a suspect's cellphone by gathering "very limited" signalling information in a given vicinity and collecting unique identification information from the phone — called International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) and International Mobile Equipment Identity numbers (IMEI).

While MDI technology does allow for the collection of personal communications, the RCMP uses equipment that — by policy — does not capture private communications, said Adam.

But Brenda McPhail, director of privacy, technology and surveillance at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said even metadata collection is an invasion of privacy. "Metadata includes location information. That is intimately personal. The fact that they only collect metadata doesn't let them off the hook."

The same MDI technology used to target a suspect will also gather up the cellular data of many other Canadians, Adam confirmed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



In this courtroom sketch, Karim Baratov (right) addresses the court as his lawyer Amedeo Dicarolo (bottom left), Crown Heather Graham (second from left), lawyer Deepak Paradkar (top left) and Justice Alan Whitten look on. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Accused Yahoo hacker makes appearance in bail hearing

The father of a Canadian man accused in a massive hack of Yahoo emails told an Ontario court Wednesday that he'd keep all electronic devices locked away and out of his son's reach if his child is released on bail.

Akhmet Tokbergenov was testifying in a Hamilton courtroom at his son's bail hearing, saying he and his wife are pre-

pared to do whatever the court orders if the 22-year-old is released from custody.

Karim Baratov was arrested under the Extradition Act last month after U.S. authorities indicted him and three others — two of them allegedly officers of Russia's Federal Security Service — for computer hacking, economic espionage and other

crimes.

American authorities have alleged in court documents that Baratov poses an "extremely high flight risk" in part due to his alleged ties to Russian intelligence agents and his financial resources. They've noted that Baratov did not appear to have any "legitimate employment."

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NATIONAL DIGEST

Beyak removed from Indigenous committee

Conservative Sen. Lynn Beyak, who famously declared "some good" came out of Canada's residential schools, has been removed from the Senate's committee on Indigenous peoples.

A spokesperson for interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose says the senator's controversial comments do not reflect the party's position on residential schools.

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PM showcases idea for procedural reform

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded personally to all questions asked by fellow MPs in the House of Commons Wednesday.

The move came as the Liberal government tries to convince the opposition of the merits of its proposed changes to the ins and outs of parliamentary procedure.

One suggestion is to set aside one day of the week for MPs to direct questions to the prime minister, such as is done in Britain — one of the Liberals' campaign promises.

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Death toll rises in chemical attack

MIDDLE EAST

Global leaders seek answers about shocking events in Syria

Abdel Hameed Alyousef lost his two children, his wife and other relatives in the suspected chemical attack Tuesday in the northern Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun that killed over 80 people, including at least 30 children and 20 women.

The 29-year-old father held his nine-month-old twins, Aya and Ahmed, each in an arm. He choked back tears, mumbling, "Say goodbye, baby, say goodbye" to their lifeless bodies.

When the airstrike took place, "I was right beside them and I carried them outside the house with their mother," Alyousef said.

He brought them to paramedics and, thinking they



Abdul-Hamid Alyousef cries as he holds his twin babies who were killed during a suspected chemical attack in Idlib, Syria.

ALAA ALYOUSEF VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

would be OK, went to look for the rest of his family. He found the bodies of two of his brothers, two nephews and a niece, as well as neighbours and friends. Only later was he told his children and wife had died.

The death toll from the sus-

pected chemical attack rose to 86 on Wednesday as activists and rescue workers found more survivors hiding in shelters near the site of the assault, one of the deadliest in Syria's civil war.

The attack on Khan Sheikh-

U.S. REACTION

President Donald Trump declared on Wednesday the deadly chemical attack in Syria had crossed "many, many lines" and abruptly changed his views of Syrian President Bashar Assad. But he refused to say what the U.S. might do in response.

houn killed dozens of people on Tuesday, leaving residents gasping for breath and convulsing in the streets. Haunting images of lifeless children piled in heaps reflected the magnitude of the attack.

A resolution drafted by Britain, France and the U.S. stresses the Syrian government's obligation to provide information about its air operations, including the names of those in command of helicopter squadrons on the day of the attack.

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BRUSSELS

\$6B aid pledged by over 70 countries

International donors pledged \$6 billion in aid for war-ravaged Syria on Wednesday as the UN Security Council held emergency talks over a suspected chemical attack that killed dozens in a rebel-held province.

Donors from more than 70 countries meeting at a conference on Syria in Brussels made a "collective pledge of \$6 billion for this year alone," EU Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Christos Stylianides said.

Stylianides described the pledge — which appeared to approach the conference hosts' target — as "an impressive figure."

Syria's "needs are massive. Our conference is sending a powerful message," he said. We are not letting down the people of Syria."

However, the goodwill at the meeting was shadowed by the chemical attack Tuesday in Idlib that killed 75 people.

Responding to the grim news, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed for Syria's warring factions and government backers such

as Russia and Iran to bring an end to a six-year conflict that has taken the lives of almost 400,000 people.

"Nobody is winning this war, everybody is losing," Guterres said. "It is having a detrimental and destabilizing effect on the entire region and it is providing a focus that is feeding the new threat of global terrorism."

Nearly half the Syrian population has been displaced by the violence, with millions seeking sanctuary in neighbouring Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, or heading further west to Europe. UN agencies estimate war damage across Syria so far at \$350 billion, including physical destruction and the loss of economic activity. Four out of five people are living in poverty.

"Behind these figures lies a gradual draining of hope and a turn toward despair that we must reverse," Guterres said.

While it was unclear who was responsible for the chemical attack, many fingers at the Brussels conference pointed toward Syrian President Bashar Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Students oust principal

JOURNALISM

New hire resigns after school newspaper investigation

An incoming high school principal has resigned in Kansas after student reporters investigated and raised questions about her credentials.

The Pittsburg School Board accepted Amy Robertson's resignation on Tuesday, saying she felt the decision was "in the best interest of the district ... in light of the issues that arose."

The main concern stemmed from her receiving her master's and doctoral degrees from Corlins University, an unaccredited, online school. Robertson said she received her degrees before the university lost accreditation.

"She was going to be the head of our school, and we wanted (to) be assured that she was qualified and had the proper credentials," Trina Paul, a student editor at Pittsburg High School's newspaper, The Booster Redux.



Pittsburg High School students Gina Mathew, Kali Poenitske, Maddie Baden, Trina Paul, Connor Balthazor and Patrick Sullivan prepare to Skype with incoming principal Amy Robertson. Robertson has since resigned over concerns about her credentials. EMILY SMITH/PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent Destry Brown praised the student reporters, saying: "I appreciate that our kids ask questions and don't just accept something because somebody told them." He told the Pittsburg Morning

Sun they "did a great job with the research they did."

Robertson, who works with an education consulting firm in Dubai, said there was "no issue" when she received the degrees from Corlins in 1994

and 2010. She declined to comment on questions posed by the students about her credentials because, she said, "their concerns are not based on facts."

Corlins didn't immediately respond to an email message

"I appreciate that our kids ask questions."

Superintendent Destry Brown

Wednesday from The Associated Press.

An anonymously circulated letter also raised questions about Robertson's qualifications. Brown said questions were also being asked internally within his office, but that the students' public reporting "probably speeded that process."

Brown said the district, which doesn't typically ask for official transcripts until after a hiring decision has been made, will likely change its vetting process.

Pittsburg journalism adviser Emily Smith said she was "very proud" of her students, adding: "They were not out to get anyone to resign or to get anyone fired. They worked very hard to uncover the truth."

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U.S. POLITICS

Bannon loses key role

President Donald Trump has removed chief strategist Steve Bannon from the National Security Council, reversing an earlier, controversial decision to give Bannon access to the group's high-level meetings.

A new memorandum about the council's composition was published Wednesday in the Federal Register. The memo no longer lists the chief strategist as a member of the Principals Committee, a group of high-ranking officials who meet to discuss pressing national security priorities.

A senior White House official said Wednesday that Bannon was initially placed on the National Security Council after Trump's inauguration as a measure to ensure implementation of the president's vision, including efforts to downsize and streamline operations at the NSC.

Bannon's addition to the NSC sparked criticism that it was inappropriate for the political adviser to play a role in national security matters.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON LOSING PATIENCE WITH BOMBARDIER



After taking tax-payer money, laying off hundreds and rewarding top execs with pay hikes, Bombardier leaves cover-seeking political allies with little more than a fig leaf

It has long been taken for granted that no prime minister, no Quebec premier would ever let Bombardier go under on his or her watch. The aerospace giant's leading contribution to Canada's R&D sector, the thousands of jobs it provides kept it on the short list of Canadian corporations that no government would allow to fail.

Over and above any economic consideration, the fact that Bombardier was the corporate apple in the eye of most Quebecers guaranteed it was treated as a political sacred cow in both capitals.

In the wake of the uproar over its executives' compensation that is a status Bombardier may want to avoid putting to the test. It has become untouchable in the wrong sense of the word.

It is hard to overstate the magnitude of the popular backlash the company's management has unleashed by handing itself pay hikes and bonuses of a magnitude normally consistent with a corporate success story.

At this juncture, Bombardier would qualify for that title only if it were considered a feat to wrestle a multi-billion-dollar bailout from two orders of governments while eliminating thousands of jobs at home and abroad.

A poll published this weekend reported that 93 per cent of Quebecers were

93% of Quebecers are angry with the company's compensation plans.

angry over the compensation news. That is as close to unanimity as one can get. It is also the kind of number that no politician can take lightly.

At this point, Bombardier has no friends in the provincial and federal capitals or at least none who is not embarrassed to be associated with the company. In

opposition is having a field day arguing that it walks that talk when it is cutting social programs but not when it is issuing corporate welfare cheques.

On Parliament Hill, the controversy has given new life to the debate over whether Justin Trudeau was right to pledge \$372.5 million in loans to Bombardier

tion Avenir Québec had been arguing that the premier had failed to attach even minimal strings to the public money it handed Bombardier.

Even as the premier tried to turn the heat of public opinion on Trudeau for taking his time to match his government's contribution, the federal Liberals' standing in voting intentions in Quebec continued to climb while that of his own party declined.

When a federal package that fell significantly short of matching Quebec's commitment was belatedly delivered in early February, it was Couillard, and not Trudeau, who took the most flak – for having failed to exact guarantees from the company that Ottawa had secured.

As of now, both governments can only hope that Bombardier will make good on its promise to turn the corner on its financial difficulties – and that it will not ask for more money.

The company may have managed to make corporate bailouts of any kind a lose-lose proposition for politicians.

Bombardier executives believe Quebecers will get over their anger and let bygones be bygones sooner rather than later. But then, they also believed they deserved big bonuses for milking billions of public dollars out of two governments.

They might keep in mind that Quebec's licence plates read: Je me souviens.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.



TOO BIG TO FAIL Bombardier, and its CEO Alain Bellemare (pictured), has become untouchable in the wrong sense of the word, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

response to public pressure, it has announced that it was postponing part of the pay hikes for a year. That has provided its cover-seeking political allies with little more than a fig leaf.

In Quebec the compensation story cut the legs from under Philippe Couillard's Liberal government just as it was getting a rare post-budget boost. The premier has spent the past week fending off opposition charges that his government bailed out the company with little or no regard for safeguarding taxpayers' money from abuse.

Couillard has chosen to make fiscal rigour the mantra of his government. The

earlier this year.

There were plenty of signs in the months leading to the self-serving Bombardier compensation move that Quebecers were running out of patience with its financial demands. Only a company disconnected from reality or too arrogant to think it should be accountable to the taxpayers who bailed it out would have failed to take note of those signs.

Last fall Couillard's decision to sign off on a \$1.3 billion bailout raised more opposition questions in the National Assembly than it elicited applause among the public.

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Vicky Mochama
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When the revolution starts, which brand will be there for me?

I wondered this as I watched the caffeinated cola ad starring Kendall Jenner as a model-turned-protest leader. In it, she solves police brutality by handing a police officer a non-Coke soda. When she does it, a cheer goes up in the crowd as if to say, "We realize the police were hypoglycemic. Thanks, Kendall!"

After much backlash, the company has pulled the ad. They're not the only ones to pull ads this week.

The New York Times reported that Fox News blowhard Bill O'Reilly has had to pay out \$13 million in sexual harassment lawsuits over the last few years. Forty advertisers (and counting) have responded by pulling their ads from O'Reilly's show, including major ones like Mercedes Benz, BMW, AllState Insurance and GlaxoSmithKline.

None of these companies pulled their ads from the network last July when allegations surfaced about Fox News CEO Roger Ailes sexually harassing employees. (He left the company soon after.) Maybe all those brands were just monitoring the situation.

Nine months after Ailes' departure, women must be overjoyed that dental company Invisalign is standing up for women.

There's really no reason for brands to be left out of dismantling capitalism.

In fact, between caffeinated beverages and luxury cars, it

is invigorating to find brands that will be there to support the dismantling of systems of oppression.

For example, right-wing media has been assuring us that a race war is forthcoming. Done properly, it's a marketer's dream.

With their long-standing work on buying cool via basketball stars and rap music, Sprite will surely offer to be the drink of black people. Nothing says cool and refreshing like a battle for racial superiority.

I have been planning my outfit for the race war for some time, but what I am really hoping is that Beyoncé's athleisure line, Ivy Park, will supply our uniforms. Canadians who decline to take part can pick up their non-combatant grey sweats from Race War Amnesty title sponsor Roots.

But it's not just during the upcoming race war (sponsored by Halliburton?) when brands can find a lucrative market.

There are unique opportunities right now. As the resistance to Donald Trump coalesces in the United States, there is a profitable opportunity for Staples to provide branded poster board to marchers. In addition to their Easy button, they could issue a "RESIST" button.

There is a product for every consumer. It's just a matter of finding the company that fulfills your desire for de-funding private prisons but also serves the best latte.

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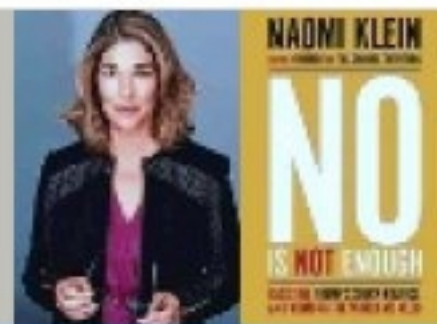
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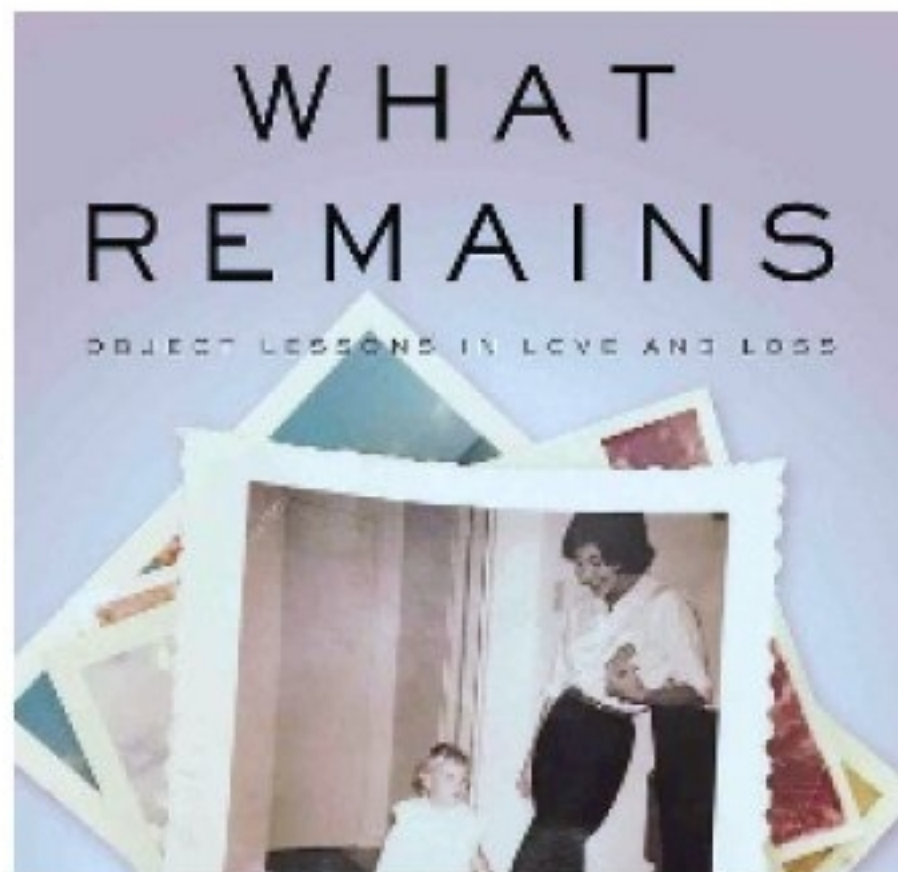
During her last days in the hospital intensive-care unit, Karen von Hahn's mother Susan could no longer speak, but she could communicate by spelling out letters on a white card.

Susan's last word tapped out to her daughter was "pearls," which von Hahn instinctively knew meant that she was to inherit her mother's prized jewellery.

Von Hahn describes the art deco-fashioned strand of precious jewels as "fat and creamy, but elegantly flapper," in the opening of her new book, *What Remains: Object Lessons in Love and Loss*, a tribute to her mother, who died in 2012, and their complicated relationship.

Von Hahn, one of Toronto's most well-known and enduring style journalists, has spent most of the last three decades talking about the meaning of objects we surround ourselves with. It's a subject she knows intimately from birth.

Her mother Susan was a glamorous, witty, fun-loving, and perfectly tanned woman with a penchant for designer clothes and a driving need to be immersed in beauty, whether it be a Yves Saint Laurent



peasant blouse or the satin silver couches where she would entertain over many vodka cocktails.

Von Hahn catalogues these items with sharp detail, in part to better understand her mother's life and, at times, the pain Susan's seeming narcissism would cause those around her.

"In the end we're left with nothing but a person's things. The reminders and the touchstones and the artefacts of a person's life," observes von Hahn, who started writing *What Remains* a year after

her mother's death.

"What did they collect? What did they hope for or want to be? All these things are really expressed in the things that surround a person's life. It's like every person is curating their own museum. I thought that was a way in — to circle around the idea of my mother and my memories of her through the lens of objects and what they mean."

Growing up with a fabulously turned-out mom — and one who demands constant attention, often at the expense of

others — can be tough on kids, especially as they test out their own emerging identities, only to discover there's little room left to share in the spotlight.

Von Hahn and her siblings were often left to their own devices, even when a little parental nurturing was called for. "In our house it was clear that the story was about my parents," says von Hahn. "It was their love affair and we children were just ancillary to that."

In the book, she recalls her mother's obsession with glamour as both a point of pride and embarrassment.

"She would appear at school and wouldn't look like any of the other mothers at all. She didn't care about the rules or whether other people thought she was appropriate. She was a bohemian at heart," says von Hahn. "But sometimes as a kid you think, 'Oh my God, can't they just be normal, like everyone else's parents for just one second?'"

It's been roughly four years since von Hahn starting writing *What Remains*, still in the thick emotional pool of both sorrow and relief.

And while the memoir may have been therapeutic in some ways, she continues to deeply miss her mother's physical presence and sharp insight.

"She refused to be forgotten. She was one of a kind. I felt she deserved the effort to be remembered because she was just amazing," says von Hahn. "I hope that the portrait of her I paint, which is warts and all, is true. I was mad for her."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



In her memoir, journalist Karen von Hahn pays homage to her glamorous late mother, who she says was a bohemian at heart — something she didn't always appreciate as a kid. CONTRIBUTED

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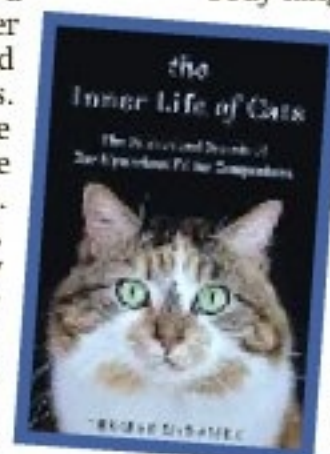
INTERVIEW

The whiskers and all story of what kitty is really thinking

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Cats are weird. They growl when they're happy, hiss when they're mad, and do that weird kneading thing on the couch for no apparent reason. There's some debate about whether they love us back, or if they'd be plotting to murder us if they only had opposable thumbs. They are some of the wildest animals we let into our homes. Thomas McNamee, author of the new book *The Inner Life of Cats*, says our cats love us, and they can communicate with us — we just have to learn how to listen.



of it. Our cats are directly descended from the North African wildcat, and they're not very far from them. A lot of their habits and their psychology are directly related to that wildcat. On the other hand, there are aspects of their being that have evolved to be extremely domestic. You have to pay attention to how cats relate to humans. Dogs are easy to read. Cats are not so easy. But a cat really will love you.

So how do I know if my cat loves me?

The first step is to learn their body language. The most important expression of affection is the long, slow blink, looking right at you. And the straight tail with a little hook on top is a very friendly gesture. They will do things to you that wildcats do to one another to say, "I like you": bumping into your leg with their head, or rubbing their face against you.

What surprised you the most, out of all you learned?

The thing that struck me most is the depth and complexity of their emotions. I really had no idea how much was going on. There's been a tremendous amount of scientific research done in the last 20 years, and the results have not made it into the cat books that you can buy by the dozens.

What should be in those books?

People need to know that cats have deep emotional needs. Some people feed them, let them out, that's it. And the cat becomes a living, breathing sofa cushion. And here's another thing: The most important thing in most cat's lives is their litter box. It's true. It's like "This is where

I leave the most olfactory information, these is my territory, my headquarters." And if your litter box situation is not right, your cat is going to be out of sorts all the time.

How do you know if you're doing the litter box right?

Well, the cat will eventually tell you. It needs to be sheltered, out of traffic, but it's got to have an escape route. Other cats need to respect it.

It needs to be clean, but not too clean. Bleach is no good either. Respect is very much tied to it. It sounds silly, but if you look at the cat when it's doing its business in the box, they have this kind of sort of dreamy look on their face. They're in this kind of trance. They're completely absorbed in the experience.

Cats are so weird...
Yes they are!



Learning cats' body language is key to bonding. iStock



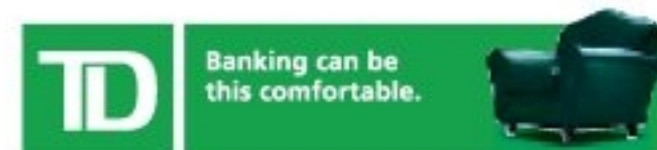
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MUSIC BRIEFS

Junos sales boost for stars

Call it the Juno effect. Data released by Nielsen Wednesday showed how featuring on Canadian music's biggest night paid off for some of the country's biggest artists.

Performers and winners saw huge spikes in fans streaming and buying their music after Sunday's ceremony. The Strumbellas, who won single of the year for *Spirits*, saw sales of that song increase nearly 200% while Alessia Cara, winner

of pop album of the year for *Know It All* saw her album increase 140% overnight. METRO

Manilow comes out at 73

Barry Manilow has come out as gay, telling *People* magazine that he hid his sexuality for decades because he thought he would be "disappointing fans if they knew." The 73-year-old music legend married his longtime manager, Gary Kief, in a 2014 ceremony in California.

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MEET THE CONDO

Lakeside living in city's southwest

ARA CONDOS



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Project overview

A day at the beach is a rare find in this winter city, but Ara Condos offers lakeside living in Edmonton's southwest. The draw of Lake Summerside — swimming and boating in summer, skating and sledding in winter — joins other Ara benefits, which include quality finishes, access to amenities in a bustling area and the Carrington name behind it.

Location and transit

South of Ellerslie Road, bus service is plentiful in the busy southwest. Stops along 25 Avenue SW, Savaryn Drive SW and 91 Street NW connect riders to the Century Park LRT and points downtown or post-secondary-bound. Drivers are just moments from Gateway Boulevard and the Anthony Henday ring road, with easy exits toward downtown or anywhere in the city.

Housing amenities

Ara Condos has heated underground parking, oversized patios/balconies and a modern building with two-storey lobby and over height ceilings on the top floor. Suites boast full height backsplash, a six appliance-package, laminate floors, contemporary wood cabinets, kitchen island with eating bar, and airy, open concept spaces with designer colour schemes.

In the neighbourhood

Edmonton's dense south side offers shopping, dining, entertainment and services in and around South Edmonton Common. Close to Ara, a future multi-sport tournament facility is in the works, while Mill Woods Park and nearby playgrounds feature walk and cycle paths. Lake Summerside, with its beach-focused recreation, is a steady draw. LUCY

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+ NEED TO KNOW

What: Ara Condos
Builder/Developer: Carrington Communities
Location: Southwest Edmonton
Building: Four-storey condo complex
Models: Several floor plans of one and two-bedroom suites

Sizes: From 644 to 1,144 square feet
Pricing: Starting from \$192,600
Status: Immediate possessions available
Sales centre: 4008 Savaryn Dr. SW
Phone: (780) 761-3144
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PLANTS

Bring on the balcony gardens

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Nothing gives you the urge to grow green things like the smell of spring in the air. But then you remember you're a condo-dweller with two black thumbs.

Never fear, says Ontario Master Gardener Cauleen Viscoff. Even a botanical bonehead can create a beautiful balcony garden. All it takes is a little patience and a few simple rules.

The right garden starts with the right soil, Viscoff said. Topsoil is no good for potted plants; it has to be potting soil. If you're planning to grow fruits or vegetables, choose an organic brand without chemical fertilizers.

Now survey the space you have to work with. If your balcony faces south or southwest, sun-loving vegetables like tomatoes and beans can fare well. But if you're stuck in the shadow of nearby buildings, you can still grow spinach, kale and lettuce. Viscoff recommends taking

note of the direction your garden will face and counting the hours of sun you get, then heading to your local greenhouse to ask what plants are your best bet. And while you're there, consider buying a few, pre-sprouted. Starting things from seed is finicky and frustrating for newbies, Viscoff said.

She likes to grow deep-rooted vegetables like tomatoes and beans in those large white five-gallon pails that restaurant suppliers use. Make sure to poke holes in the bottom so

they can drain well, and tempting as it is, don't overwater: You'll end up with root rot.

Instead of watering on a set schedule, simply stick your finger in the soil down to your first knuckle. If it feels damp to the touch, it's fine. If it's dry, it's time to water. Finally, remember to plan your garden with the

idea of what it will eventually look like in mind. If you choose tall plants for overhanging window boxes, they will grow to block your view.

Beans will wind themselves around your railings and climb up your brick wall, which can be awesome, but might annoy your neighbours.

The minimal bit of fuss it takes to get your garden growing is more than worth it, Viscoff said, especially if you have kids. "We're so disconnected from where our food comes from. We don't farm anymore. We've moved to cities," she said. "It's so thrilling to go outside to pick some beans for dinner."

+ GET GROWING

Looking to get growing? Here are Viscoff's picks:

Tomatoes
Choose smaller, bushy varieties that



don't need staking.

Peppers
Mini sweet peppers will grow well in a container and ripen faster than large ones.



Iceberg pansies
These are ready to go out soon and will be done blooming by the summer.



Perfect Gushue fresh for playoffs

CURLING

Early wins for Canada's 9-0 skip are saving him ice time

The numbers are in Brad Gushue's favour at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship.

He posted impressive wins over Jaap Van Dorp of the Netherlands and Japan's Yusuke Morozumi on Wednesday to extend his unbeaten streak to nine games. Gushue has outscored his opponents 77-29 overall and games have been called early on seven occasions.

Each early finish will help Gushue and his team stay fresh for the playoffs. The St. John's skip, who has secured a berth in the Page playoff 1-2 game, is still bothered by a hip/groin injury so any saved throws are welcomed.

"It's a huge positive," Gushue said. "The less I can be on it the better, to be honest. At this point I don't need more reps or more volume. I feel comfortable with the ice and I feel comfortable with how I'm throwing it."

"So if I can keep the fatigue down and be ready come the weekend, that's a positive."

Gushue's 8-3 victory in the morning was followed by a 10-2 rout in the afternoon. Sweden's Niklas Edin improved to 7-1 with a 6-4 victory over Scotland's David Murdoch in the morning draw. Switzerland's Peter de Cruz was in third place entering Draw 13 with a 6-1 record.

Morozumi fell to 5-4 with the loss. Italy's Joel Retornaz and John Shuster of the United States, both idle in the morning, were tied in fifth place at 4-3.

China's Rui Liu (4-4) kept his slim playoff hopes alive by edging Norway's Steffen Walstad 7-6 in an extra end. The top four

teams will make the playoffs.

In the early game, Gushue opened with a three-point first end. Van Dorp was held to a single in the fourth and Gushue tacked on a deuce in the fifth end.

The Dutch side scored two points in the seventh but Gushue replied with a pair to wrap things up in eight ends. Against Japan, Gushue's five-point fourth end put the game out of reach. He iced it with a deuce in the seventh.

At least six ends must be played per game at this competition. Teams can decide to shake hands early if the game has turned into a rout. Gushue has posted two six-end wins and three seven-end victories so far. By only going the regular 10-end length on two occasions in round-robin play, he has saved 21 ends overall — the equivalent of more than two games.

That's important for a team still feeling the effects of a long, tough grind at the Tim Hortons Brier.

"When we came in we weren't fully recovered," Gushue said. "So to have a few lighter games, it has certainly been a benefit."



Canada skip Brad Gushue makes a shot as lead Geoff Walke, left, and second Brett Gallant sweep during the 13th draw against Japan at the men's world curling championships in Edmonton on Wednesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 1-2 game between the first two seeds is set for Friday night. The winner will advance to Sunday's gold-medal game.

The Page 3-4 game between the third and fourth seeds will

be played Saturday afternoon. The winner advances to the evening semifinal and the loser will play for bronze Sunday against the semifinal loser.

Kevin Koe skipped Canada

to a gold medal at last year's world championship in Basel, Switzerland. Gushue beat Koe in the Brier final last month in St. John's.

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Brad Gushue on his injury

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Barcelona beats Sevilla to keep pressure on Madrid

With Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi on top form, Barcelona needed less than 10 minutes to take care of Sevilla and keep the pressure on Real Madrid in the Spanish league on Wednesday.

Suarez scored with a bicycle kick and Messi struck twice within the next eight minutes on his return to action as Barcelona eased to a 3-0 victory in its pursuit of a third straight league title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juve's Higuain scores brace against old club Napoli

Gonzalo Higuain silenced the Napoli fans with two goals on Wednesday as Juventus reached its third successive Italian Cup final.

Marek Hamsik, Dries Mertens and Lorenzo Insigne gave Napoli a 3-2 win in the return leg of their Italian Cup semifinal. But Higuain's brace helped Juventus to progress 5-4 on aggregate and will face Lazio in the final, which is scheduled for June 2. The striker didn't celebrate either of his goals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Leaders Chelsea beat City to get back on track

The symbol of Chelsea's collapse last season, Eden Hazard has spearheaded the revival under Antonio Conte.

With another two goals on Wednesday sealing a 2-1 victory over Manchester City, Hazard set the runaway leaders back on the winning track after a shock weekend setback.

Stamford Bridge now regularly rises to acclaim the winger who went missing in Chelsea's moments of despair last year and was branded a "rat" by fans who blamed him for Jose Mourinho's second reign

ending in acrimony.

With each goal — 12 and counting after Wednesday — and every moment he's shimmering across the field, Hazard has rekindled the love affair with the Chelsea faithful.

"He's an important player and also he's growing in his mentality," Conte said. "I think he's playing a really good season." It will surely end with a Premier League winner's medal to keep the one from 2014-15 company.

A shock loss to Crystal Palace on Saturday halted Chelsea's

RESULTS

**Arsenal 3, West Ham 0
Hull City 4, M'brough 2
S'hampston 3 C. Palace 1
Swansea 1, Tottenham 3
Chelsea 2, Man. City 1
Liverpool 2, Bournemouth 2**

serene path to the trophy, but normal service was resumed at Stamford Bridge to leave former title rival City with a fight just to hold onto fourth place.

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Chelsea's Diego Costa heads a ball on Wednesday in London. GETTY IMAGES

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IN BRIEF

Reigning IPL champions Sunrisers beat Challengers

Defending champions Hyderabad Sunrisers got the 10th edition of IPL rolling on Wednesday with a thumping 35-run victory over last year's finalists, Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Yuvraj Singh (62) and Australia's Moises Henriques (52) smashed half centuries as the home team reached an impressive total of 207-4.

Challengers were bowled out for 172 with Chris Gayle their top-scorer with 32.

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Lynch visits Raiders as he considers a comeback

Retired running back Marshawn Lynch visited the Oakland Raiders on Wednesday as he decides whether to come back to the NFL and the team decides whether it wants to acquire the hometown favourite.

A person familiar with the visit says Lynch came to the facility to meet with Raiders officials. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the visit wasn't announced by the team.

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Amazon Prime scores NFL Thursday Night games

Amazon's new deal gives prime-time football a whole new meaning. The e-commerce powerhouse will stream NFL Thursday Night games this season via its Amazon Prime video service, replacing Twitter.

The live streams of the games will be available to the estimated 65 million members of Amazon Prime, which costs \$99 per year and also includes other perks like free videos, books and shipping. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian weightlifter closer to gold after drug retests

Canada could be adding a second gold medal to its tally from the 2012 Olympics.

Weightlifter Christine Girard could jump from third place to first after the International Olympic Committee stripped Russia's Svetlana Tzaruksaeva of the silver medal after a positive substance test, the same fate of Maiya Maneza, who has already been stripped of her gold.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Hearty Carrot & Chickpea Stew



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This fragrant, hearty stew makes more than enough for dinner, so you can pack leftovers for a tasty lunch tomorrow.

Ready in 1 hour 5 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp minced ginger
- Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cups carrots, chopped in 1/4 inch rounds
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 3/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 red pepper chopped
- 1/2 zucchini chopped
- 6 or 8 mushrooms chopped
- 2 cups of canned chick-

- peas, drained
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock

Directions

1. Sauté the onion, garlic and ginger in the olive oil until they're soft but not browned.

2. Add the carrots and the spices and a splash of stock to stop it from sticking.

3. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. Add the other vegetables and sauté for a couple of minutes.

5. Add the drained chickpeas and stock and simmer for an hour, stirring regularly.

6. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of plain yogurt and some fresh cilantro.

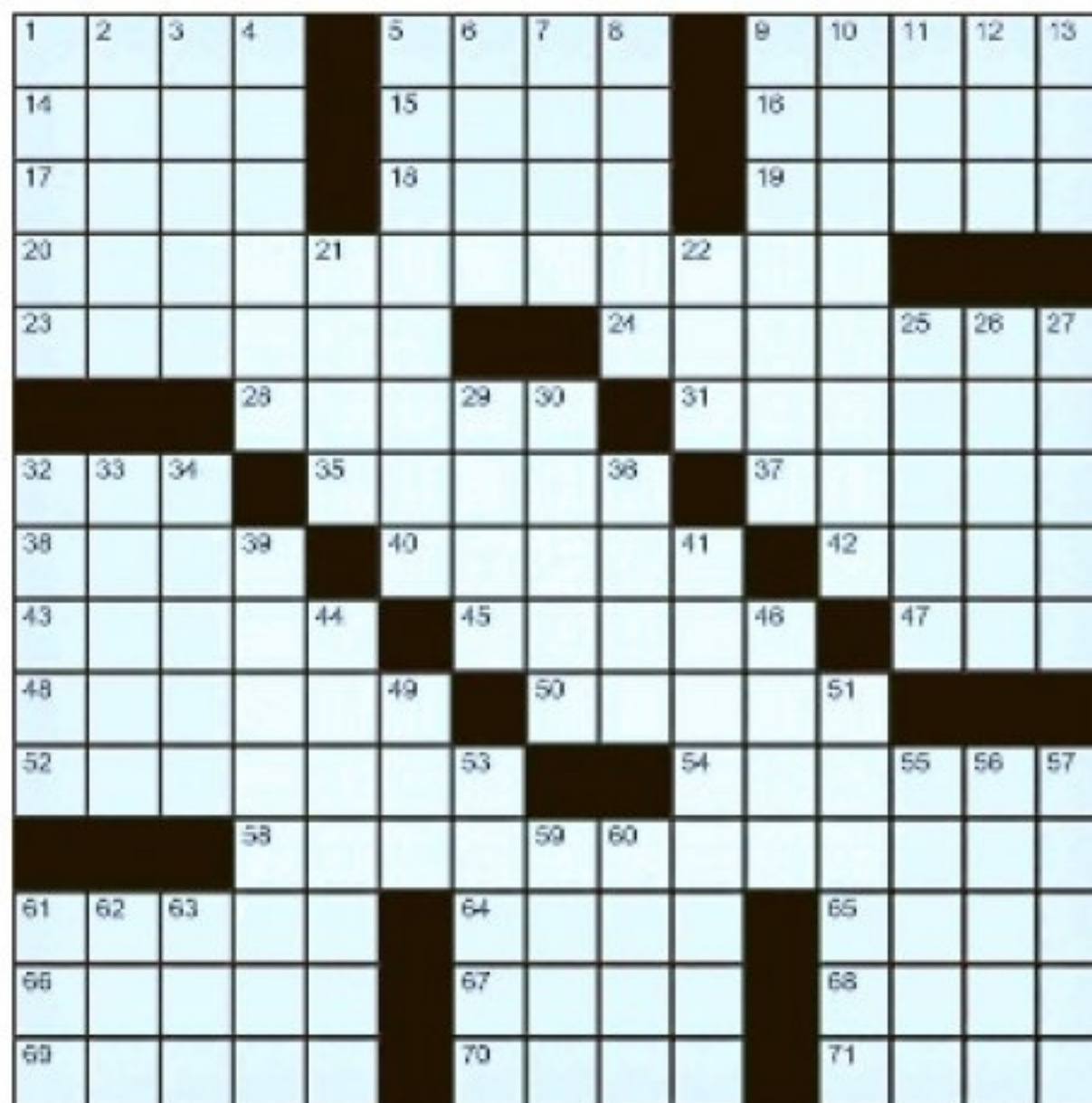
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ACROSS

- "Begone!"
- Cinch
- Treat at afternoon tea
- Family-themed song by Paul Anka
- Outfit for Octavian
- Up ____ (Until this moment)
- the Terrible
- Division
- Surplus
- Bruno Gerussi's starring role on "The Beachcombers": 2 wds.
- Row of cookies in a bag
- First ____ in Western Canada National Historic Site of Canada, it's something to 'gush' about in Alberta
- Parts of doorbell-sounding duos
- Particularly-pitiless person
- Diamond official, for short
- Look after the fire's logs
- Work like Rosie did in World War II
- Heathcliff's heathered haunt
- Drink the water, as a puppy
- Cancelled
- Tim Hortons ____ (Curling championship)
- Carnivals
- Hankering
- Rotten
- News reporter's coup
- Leeward Islands country, ____ and Barbuda



- Pieces in the Phantom of the Opera's wardrobe
- American inventor (b.1847 - d.1931) whose father was Canadian: 2 wds.
- Noise a tomato makes when falling onto the kitchen floor

- 'Chew' suffix (Like a stick of gum)
- "My king."
- On ____ (How some sandwiches are served)
- Footnote abbr.
- River on the Poland/Germany border
- ____-turvy

- Meshworks
- Organized

DOWN

- Revolves
- Quibble
- Speedily
- What the turned-out-to-not-be-a-block-

- buster-movie did
- University attendees
- Reason for a "Tsk, tsk." utterance
- Opposin'
- Flagstones-created retreat
- Thief
- Rowing team

- helmsperson
- Windsor, ____
- ____-easter
- Hawaii's ____ Beach
- Hertz competitor
- Shadowy
- Diplomatic representative
- Vassal
- Disclosed: 2 wds.
- Fairway game
- Arctic seabirds
- Total eclipse phenomenon
- "Joanie Loves Chachi" star Erin
- Gist of a speech
- Mr. Clapton
- Piano performances
- Takeaways from sales
- Justifiedly
- Hoped-for-word-in-bold on a real estate sign
- Couplet
- "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" band
- At full force, poetically
- "All kidding ____"
- Seoul, South ____
- Viking dog in the funny pages
- Superior at a French monastery
- Skirt feature
- Was in session
- ____ rata
- Prune

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are pumped to explore social situations, playful times with children, the arts and sporting events today. You want to have fun, and you're ready for anything!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Family discussions will be lively, inventive and original today. Listen to what other people bring to the table. Surprise company might drop by — stock the fridge.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You're full of inventive, genius-like ideas today. This is why conversations with others will be lively and stimulating! Enjoy and learn whatever you can.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Trust your moneymaking ideas, because you are capable of seeing new ways of doing things simply because you can think outside the box. Sometimes, that's all it takes.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For most of this day, the Moon is in your sign, dancing with wild and wacky Uranus. This helps you to be inventive and spontaneous. Just go with the flow!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might be privately excited about something today, because you see new ways of doing things. The trick is, will others agree with you? Why not find out?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might meet a real character today. This also is a good day to hang out with friends and explore fresh activities. Don't be afraid to take a chance on something new.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
People admire you today. They see you as someone who is a leader and who is full of innovative ideas. Likewise, your boss or parent also might have a new way of looking at things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Travel plans suddenly might fall in your lap today. Alternatively, scheduled travel might be canceled or delayed. Anything can happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Check your bank account and anything to do with shared property, because a few surprises await you today. Make sure you know what's going on.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A friend or partner might surprise you today by suggesting something out of the blue. Stay light on your feet so that you can play ball.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to introduce reform and improvements to your job or possibly to your health. That's because you are full of original, inventive ideas. Trust your thinking process.

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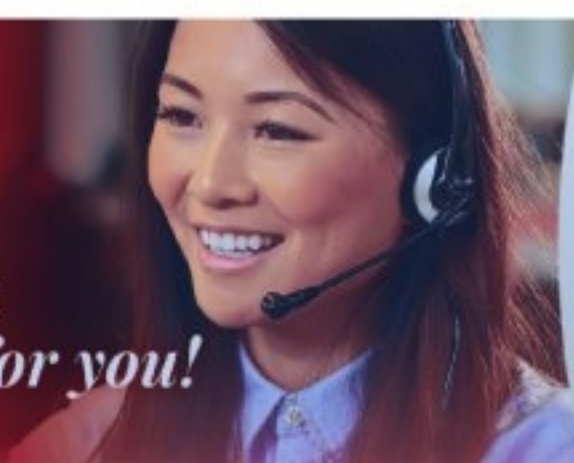
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